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STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE
CENTENNIAL OFFICE BUILDING
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55101

June 12, 1964

To: Chairman, County Welfare Board
Attention: Welfare Director

Public Health Nurse

Mental Health Center

Subject: Crippled Children Services Priorities

At this time it is estimated that the funds available in 1964-65 to Crippled Children Services will be inadequate to meet the demands for service. For this reason certain priorities for service have been made.

Diagnostic Service

Diagnostic service at the field clinics and, if desirable, at the medical centers will be available without charge to all Minnesota children under 21 years with handicapping conditions.

Treatment Services

The children under 21 years with the handicapping conditions such as cleft lip and cleft palate, cystic fibrosis, heart lesions amenable to surgery, and mental retardation with a physical handicapping condition, are accepted when their parents are unable to provide the necessary care.

Other chronic handicapping conditions amenable to medical treatment will be accepted after individual consideration of the medical data and financial situation of the parents, taking into consideration the financial limitations of the total program. Acute and/or short-term and/or terminal conditions will not be accepted.

Gillette State Hospital continues to provide care primarily for eligible children under 21 years of age with orthopedic conditions.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Morris Hursh".

Morris Hursh
Commissioner